

# MIGHTY MUD MANIA

Friday, August 4th | 8:30 am to 2 pm | Chaparral Park 5401 N. Hayden Road

Permission Slip required (see back)

11am - 3 pm swim in pool with clean swimsuit

Wear old clothes & lace up tennis shoes to play in the mud

## INFORMATION

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## MIGHTY MUD MANIA '06 PERMISSION SLIP

Friday, August 4th, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mighty Mud Mania will be held at Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Road. **This is a free event for children age 1 to 17.** Children are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Vista del Camino food bank or old eyeglasses for donation to the Lions Club. The event includes "The Original Mud Obstacle Course," a wacky foot race for 7 to 17 year olds; with obstacles like mud pits as deep as four feet, to run, jump and crawl through, a ramp to climb up and over and a tube that children dive through into a pit of mud. Children could be completely immersed in mud. The "Mini Mud Course" is for children 6 years and younger and there is also a special "Mudville Town" for tiny tots. Giant waterslides, sand castle building, & water play areas, as well as water cannons are also featured. Children will get muddy and wet in most activities. Park conditions will also be wet and slippery, which can result in falls and physical injury. Children under 6 years must have a permission slip to participate in Mini-Mud Course & Mudville where the emphasis is on participation.

Children will compete against each other in "The Original Mud Obstacle Course" in the following age groups; 7-8 years, 9-10 years and 11-12 years. Ribbons will be awarded to the top finishers in each heat. Registration will be held for this event from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for 7-13 yr olds. The children in each age group will alternate running through the course beginning at 8:30am. Children can line up ANY time during that period to run the Original Mud Obstacle Course. Children participating in the event must be present to register. Children age 13 to 17 may participate after 1:30 p.m., but also need a permission slip.

**Shoes and shirts must be worn to participate in all Mighty Mud Mania activities.** We suggest your child wear old, grubby clothing and old lace up shoes to compete in Mighty Mud Mania since there will be mud pits involved in the races. **Please send lunch money with your child;** food, soda and snacks will be sold during the event by several vendors. **Free swimming is available from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at Chaparral Pool so send a **CLEAN swimsuit**, towel and sunscreen with your child. Many children will attend this event, so please plan to be patient, as you may have to wait in line for the mud courses. **Your child needs your permission to participate in Mighty Mud Mania activities. Please sign & return the attached permission slip to the area where your child received it, or bring it with you to MIGHTY MUD MANIA.**

For more information or if you have questions, please call (480)312-2771 or (480)312-2704.

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Keep the top portion of this form for your information (please print name/address)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

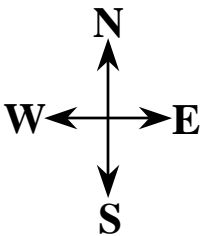
I hereby give permission for the above-named child to participate in Mighty Mud Mania. I understand physical injury may occur during participation in this program. By signing below I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the City of Scottsdale and its representatives to the fullest extent allowed by law from any and all claims for personal or bodily injury and property damage occurring or resulting from the above named child's participation. Furthermore, I grant full permission to the City of Scottsdale and all media outlets; national, local, and international; including but not limited to web based publications; covering the event, to use the above named child's likeness participating in this program in perpetuity, in any format, without obligation or liability to said child or his or her parent or guardian.

### Authorization Regarding Medical Assistance

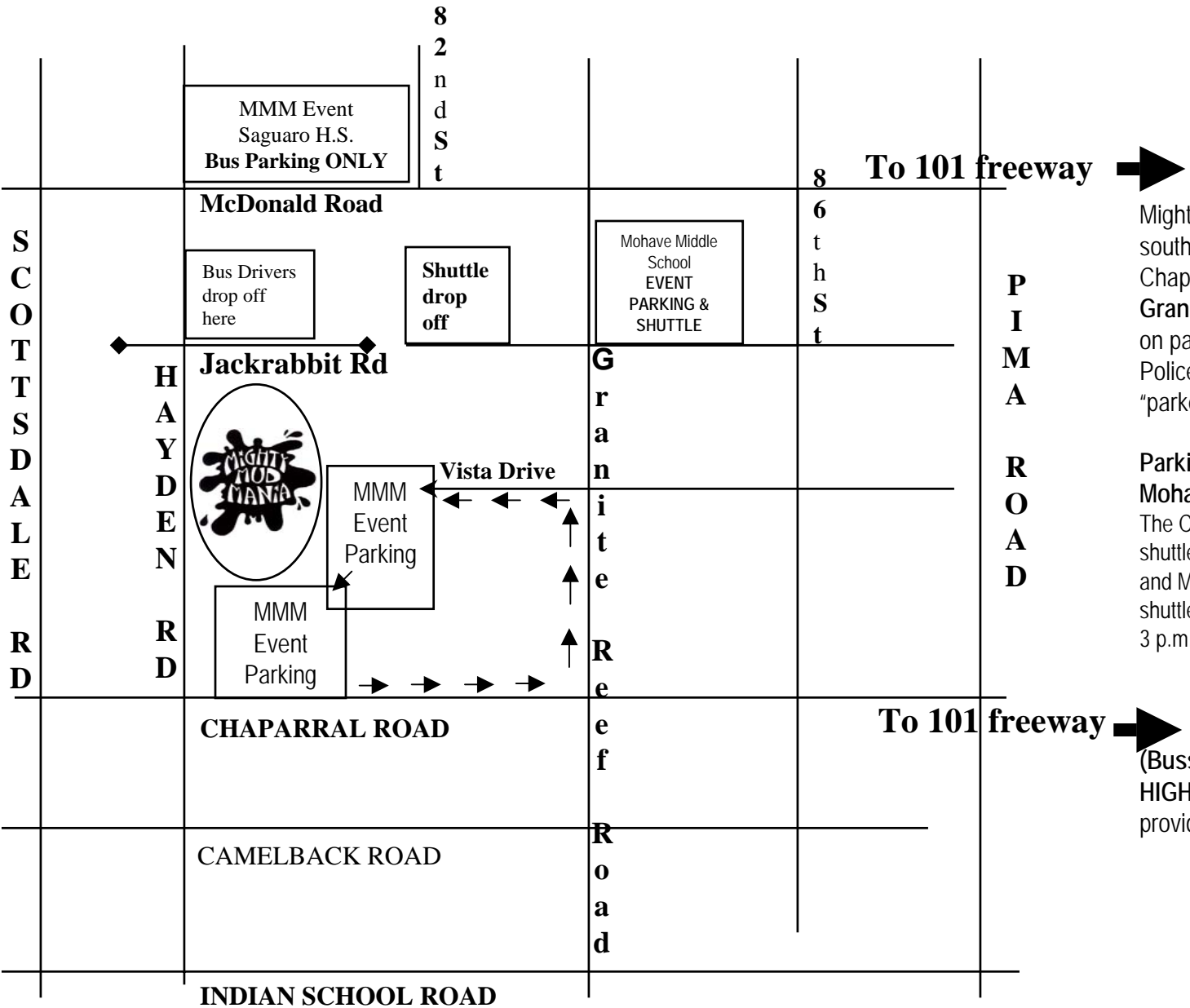
I hereby authorize the City of Scottsdale staff to obtain any needed medical assistance for my child in case of an emergency, illness, or accident. I understand that any resulting expenses or charges are my responsibility and I will pay them immediately, either directly or through personal insurance.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mighty Mud Mania Parking



Map is not to scale.



Mighty Mud parking is located in the south end of the Park north of Chaparral Road, accessible only from Granite Reef & Vista Drive (parking on park property.) Police, Explorers & Professional "parkers," assist with parking.

**Parking & Shuttle located at Mohave School.**  
The City of Scottsdale will provide a trolley shuttle between the Mohave parking area and Mighty Mud Mania. The free-fare shuttle will operate between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at intervals of 10-15 minutes.

(Busses, please park at Saguaro HIGH School.) Van Shuttle will be provided for bus drivers.



## MMM Quick Answers /details for people who want information!!

MMM is on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th**, 8:30am to 2pm at Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Rd in Scottsdale  
**FIRST!!!!** *How old are the children you are bringing to MMM?*

If they are over 7 years, see ★ If they are under 7 years, see ☺

If they are both ages, see ↘:

★ **"Registration"** starts at 8:30 am for those parents who need to drop off their children on their way to work. No need to be there that early, just an option for parents who need to drop their children off.

★ **7-12 yr olds** can register between 8:30am and 1:30pm for the Original Mud Obstacle course. **Registration** consists of lining up at the start line, in their respective age group lines. THE FIRST races will begin @ 8:30am, and 7 & 8 yr olds, 9 & 10 yr olds, and 11-12 yr olds, will ALTERNATE running through the mud course. For example: TWO heats of 7 & 8 year olds (3 children in a "heat") will run through the course; followed by a heat of 9 & 10 and 11-12 yr olds. Two heats of 7 & 8 yr olds run, because we generally have 1000+ 7&8 yr olds that participate in **The Original Mud Course**. This way, parents with children in two or more age groups, do not necessarily have to spend all day @ MMM to allow their children an opportunity to run the Original Mud Obstacle course. **(ONLY ONE TIME THROUGH THE COURSE PER CHILD!!)** **THIS YEAR, 13-17 yr olds can run at 1:30pm, when all the others are done running through the course!! THEY ALSO NEED A SIGNED Permission Slip!**

★ **EVERYONE WINS** We will be awarding ribbons to everyone who participates in the Original Mud Obstacle Course. EACH HEAT will be a "race," and the children in that heat will be given participant ribbons. In past years, afternoon races had less participants; so children can line up to run in the big mud course ANY TIME between 8:30am & 1:30pm. They don't necessarily need to wait in the bigger lines that generally occur in the morning.

**There are other things for ALL the kids to enjoy as well:**

↘ **Giant waterslides**, which will run from 8:30 to 2pm. This year there will be at least 3 waterslides, and at least one, **just for the 6 years and younger age group**

↘ **Sandcastle building** in the playground, where children can build sand castles. (We will have shade canopies over the sand)

↘ **FREE Swim at the pool, if you bring a clean swimsuit!!** It will begin at 11 am & last till 3pm  
\*\*\***SWIM SUITS REQUIRED** for entry in the pool area!! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** (must shower before entering pool)  
**No t-shirts/shorts are allowed to be worn over swimsuits in the pool!!**

↘ **GIANT WATER CANNONS:** Provided by Water Movers. **These will help keep everyone cool!!**

↘ **THE EVENT IS FREE.** We ask that participants bring a non-perishable food item (prefer something like a box of macaroni & cheese, something **LIGHTER** for us to carry; **not a can of food,**) for the Vista del Camino Food Bank, or a pair of old eyeglasses for the Lions Club program. (there will be containers to place the food in, at the parking areas, and at the Registration area for the MMM course)

↘ **CLEANUP of children:** \*\*YES, the children will be **WASHED off!!!** Scottsdale Firefighters come out and wash off all the muddy children! **Portable showers provided by BRADLEY & our awesome city plumbers as well! )**

☺ **Mini-mud obstacle course for the kids younger than 7** (Approximately 1 yr old to 6 yr olds will enjoy this area. Parents, please fill out a permission slip for your child, even if you and your child are just participating in this area. You may have to stand in line, as this is a popular part of MMM.

☺ **MUDVILLE TOWN**---Our town of mud, with the Mudsissippi River & lots of fun; which the TINY TOTS enjoy.

☺ **LOTS of misters in the area, buckets, toys, bubbles, inflatable animals, beach balls** Plus all the things

indicated above, in the bold print, & marked with the ↘ symbol. ---it should be really fun for all the little ones

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👉 **SUGGESTION:** Parents should send their child in grubby clothes and lace up or velcro tennis shoes--not their expensive runner/tennis shoes. We suggest parents go to a discount store, Salvation Army, or a store like that; to get a pair of runners that they don't mind throwing away after the event. Slip-on shoes, such as aqua socks, tend to "slip off" in the very first mud pit. Children MUST bring a CLEAN swimsuit and towel if they want to participate in the swim. We also suggest parents send sunscreen with their child, although we will have some on hand, and will have volunteers checking to be sure children have water/sunscreen/etcetera. If parents or guardians are bringing, or dropping off their child, you can fill out a permission slip that morning. If you are not accompanying your child, please pick up a permission slip from one of the parks, sign it, and send it with your child on the day of the event.

👉 **PLEASE bring your patience.** There may be some "waiting in line" as this is a popular event. We will do our best to keep you & your child cool while you wait. If adults can pack a little extra patience that day for the kids, it will make it fun for everyone.

**PARKING!!** There will be additional parking available (please see attached map) so there should be plenty of room for everyone to come to the event! Some parking will be in the south end of Chaparral Park, & there's additional parking at Mohave Middle School, along with shuttles. Although there will be many people at this event, with the way it is structured, there will be more opportunity to park fairly close to the event; as people will be "coming and going" all day long. If the areas on the park fill up; we will also be providing shuttles at Mohave Middle School. There will be directional signage on the streets to direct you there; and it is also indicated on the map. We are doing our best to provide 7:30am to 3:30pm SHUTTLE to MOHAVE school parking lot, every 10-15 minutes. **\*\*PLEASE be respectful of our neighbors, and do not block driveways**....we want MMM to be a good neighbor to residents who live nearby. We appreciate their patience and tolerance of our event parking that day.

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Other businesses interested in sponsoring may be **giving out water**, so we'll do our very best to have MUCH WATER & keep everyone hydrated

**Other questions people ask:**

---**SHADE??** We will provide shade in as many "bleached" areas as we can. There will be water available for everyone at many locations, to prevent heat exhaustion.

--**\*should children wear goggles?** (NO--once they are covered with mud, they won't be able to clean them off! We'll have "sprayers" throughout the course, & can spray out the kids eyes if/when needed)

--**\*Can I run through the course with my child?** (NO--We do allow leaders/adults to run through the course AFTER all the children are done, **provided they fill out a permission slip/waiver form.** Parents aren't permitted to run through the course with their children.) **You MAY go thru the mini mud course with your child under 6 years.**

--**\*WHY is the event on a FRIDAY?? I have to work?!** They're your children!! Ask in advance if you can have that day off to be with them! We hold the event on a Friday, as many of the summer programs throughout the valley hold summer camps, and can bring their groups of children on Friday. It is also better for the environment to "bus" groups of children over to the event; and most of the summer programs van/bus the children to MMM. We encourage parents who do have the opportunity, to take that Friday off to spend at MMM with their child(ren).

We would love to have this event for TWO DAYS, (Friday & Saturday,) but just do not have the funding to do so. If you have any contacts for funding, particularly sponsors who would benefit from the many children at this event, please be sure to call us, or refer them to us.

**?Questions?** Call us at (480) 312-2771!! leave your message & we'll get back to you. Website: <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Parks/mmm/> & you can e-mail [terickson@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:terickson@scottsdaleaz.gov)

👉 We hope to see you ALL on Friday, AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached "places to park" sheet and call us if you need any further information!!